IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 8 and 10 as follows:

In claim 6, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 through 5" and insert therefore --claim 1--.

In claim 8, lines 1 and 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 through 5" and insert therefore --claim 1--.

In claim 10, line 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 through 5" and insert therefore --claim 1--.

Please insert the following new claims 12-19 as follows:

--12. A protein encoded by a gene as set forth in claim 2.

13. A protein encoded by a gene as set forth in claim 3.

14. A protein encoded by a gene as set forth in claim 4.

15. A protein encoded by a gene as set forth in claim 5.

16. A plant into which is introduced a gene as set forth in claim 2, or its progeny or tissue having identical properties.

17. A plant into which is introduced a gene as set forth in claim 3, or its progeny or tissue having identical properties.

18. A plant into which is introduced a gene as set forth in claim 4, or its progeny or tissue having identical properties.

19. A plant into which is introduced a gene as set forth in claim 5, or its progeny or tissue having identical properties.--